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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISIONDEC - 9 1998
CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXASBY LG DEPUTY CLERKMARGARET REYNA
Plaintiff

v.

THE EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT,
Defendant§
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§CIVIL ACTION NO.
SA-98-CA0433 - OGCONSENT DECREE

On the 8 day of December, 1998, came on to be heard the agreements of the parties herein on all issues in this suit as set out in the Agreed Settlement filed herein. The issue of Plaintiff's attorneys' fees has been resolved and payment of same has been received and acknowledged by the executed Settlement and Release Agreement filed herein. After consideration of same and, conditioned upon the granting of preclearance by the United States Department of Justice of the proposed election changes, the Court approves said agreements and hereby

ORDERS that the single-member district election plan set out in the Agreed Settlement be implemented as follows:

1. That Defendants shall modify their current at-large election system for the election of school district trustees as further stated herein and shall seek preclearance of such modification from the United States Department of Justice in time to effectuate such modification in the May 1999 election;
2. That the Defendant school district trustees shall be elected one (1) each from a single-member election district as identified on the maps attached as Exhibit "A" to the Agreed Settlement;

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3. That candidates filing for each single-member district trustee position shall reside within the boundaries of the single-member district to which they seek election. If a resident files as a candidate before the fifth day prior to the state mandated candidate filing deadline, any write-in candidate for that single-member district position must also be a resident of that single-member district. If no such resident files as a candidate before the fifth day prior to the state mandated candidate filing deadline, the race becomes open to any candidate residing within the school district, including write-in candidates. However, only the voters residing within the boundaries of each single-member election district shall be eligible to vote for the trustee to be elected from each such district;

4. That trustee's terms shall be for three year terms and shall continue as set forth below, until changed by action of the Board of Trustees and precleared by the United States Department of Justice, if required;

5. That single-member districts 3, 4 and 6 shall be up for election in May of 1999; districts 1 and 2 shall be up for election in May of 2000; and single-member districts 5 and 7 shall be up for election in May of 2001;

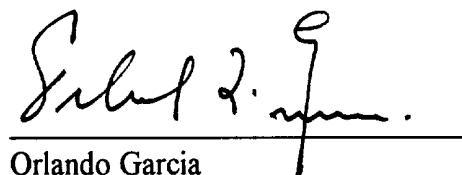
6. That thereafter, the election cycle in which trustees serve staggered three year terms shall continue, including elections after each required redistricting, unless future circumstances require otherwise;

7. That the current polling locations shall continue to be utilized for all single-member election districts, until changed by action of the Board of Trustees and precleared by the United States Department of Justice, if required;

8. That the implementation of the agreed election plan is subject to preclearance by the Department of Justice pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1973 and that no election under said plan can be held in the absence of said preclearance; and,

9. That all provisions of state law related to elections which are not contrary to the provisions set out herein shall apply.

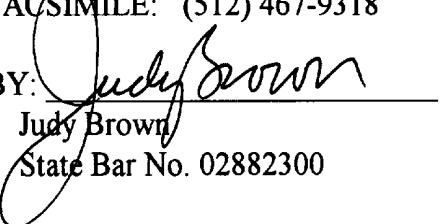
SIGNED this 8th day of December, 1998.



Orlando Garcia
United States District Judge

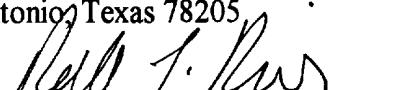
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